



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6362

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED ENERGY COMPANIES AND THE WORKFORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section and
2 sections 3 and 4, inclusive, of this act, "advanced energy" means
3 technology and services that makes the use of wind, solar,
4 hydroelectric and nuclear energy secure, clean and affordable,
5 including, but not limited to, energy efficiency, demand response,
6 energy storage, electric vehicles and chargers and software.

7 (b) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall conduct a study of state
8 action and the funding necessary to address the state's workforce
9 needs in advanced energy. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Office of
10 Workforce Strategy shall submit a report of the results of such study to
11 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
12 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees, in
13 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) There is established an account
15 to be known as the "advanced energy workforce training account"
16 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General
17 Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be
18 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by

19 the Office of Workforce Strategy for the purposes of training programs,
20 apprenticeships and certification programs for an advanced energy
21 workforce. For purposes of this section, "advanced energy" means
22 technology and services that make the use of wind, solar, hydroelectric
23 and nuclear energy secure, clean and affordable, including, but not
24 limited to, energy efficiency, demand response, energy storage, electric
25 vehicles and chargers and software.

26 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and
27 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study of economic
28 development programs in the state for the purpose of making
29 recommendations to improve such programs and attract advanced
30 energy and energy-efficiency manufacturing to the state. Not later than
31 January 1, 2024, the department shall submit such study and
32 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
34 employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
35 general statutes.

36 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and
37 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study of the tax laws and
38 regulations of the state for the purpose of making recommendations to
39 improve and attract advanced energy and energy-efficiency
40 manufacturing to the state. The commissioner may consult with any
41 individuals, businesses and state agencies the commissioner deems
42 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of the study. Not
43 later than January 1, 2024, the department shall submit a report of the
44 results of such study and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(a) was rewritten for clarity, and in Section 2, "For purposes of this section, "advanced energy" means technology and services that make the use of wind, solar, hydroelectric and nuclear energy secure, clean and affordable, including, but not limited to, energy efficiency, demand response, energy storage, electric vehicles and chargers and software." was added for clarity and consistency with standard drafting conventions.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*